

Wilmington, Delaware  
January 17, 2013

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Sponsor:

Council  
Member  
D. Brown

**WHEREAS**, the 106<sup>th</sup> Session of Wilmington City Council recognizes the advocacy of the Center for American Progress to address poverty in America; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council supports the Half in Ten Act of 2013 – to establish within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) a federal interagency working group on reducing poverty, which shall develop a national plan or strategy to reduce the number of persons living in poverty in America in half within 10 years; and

**WHEREAS**, poverty can be seen as a deep, structural problem that implicates our value system and our educational and economic institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, poverty may be defined as the lack of basic necessities of life such as food, shelter, clothing, health care, education, economic security, and economic opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, policy initiatives and many safety net programs addressing poverty have not kept pace with the needs of millions of Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, the lack of an equitable distribution of housing choices across the country leads to isolation and concentrated poverty; and

**WHEREAS**, the term ‘poverty’ means an income level and living standard associated with and based on the official poverty measure as established and updated by the U.S. Census Bureau which establishes a threshold of minimum income necessary to achieve a standard of living free from deprivation of basic needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the term ‘extreme poverty’ means having an income level or living standard at a level of extreme deprivation based on living with income below 50 percent of the Federal poverty line as established by the U.S. Census; and

**WHEREAS**, the term ‘near poverty’ means having a level of household income below 200 percent of the Federal poverty line; and

**WHEREAS**, the term ‘child poverty’ means poverty which impacts those persons under 18 years of age; and

**WHEREAS**, the term 'deprivation' means lacking some or all basic human needs;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the term 'decent living standard' means the amount of annual income that would allow an individual to live beyond deprivation at a safe and decent, but modest, standard of living; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** that the Council supports broad social, economic, and political actions to end poverty and the vast inequalities in wealth and income; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Council supports eradicating extreme poverty, child poverty, and the persistent disparity in poverty rates found in communities of color and furthermore that Wilmington City Council supports the passage of the Half in Ten Act of 2013 during the One Hundred Thirteenth United States Congress.

Passed by City Council,  
January 17, 2013

Attest:

Maribel Seijo  
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 14<sup>th</sup>  
day of January, 2013.

Amber Roberts  
Acting City Solicitor